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SUBJECT: FRG PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY'S VISIT IN BONN

BEGIN SUMMARY: GERMAN PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY'S  
MARCH 24 VISIT TO BONN AND FRG PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVED  
U.S./EC CONSULTATIONS HAS BEEN HOPEFUL IN CHARACTER.

END SUMMARY

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1. SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG REPORTED THAT U.S. "SEEMS SATISFIED WITH THE PROSPECT THAT THE U.S. WILL BE SWITCHED INTO THE EC'S CONSULTATIONS AT A HALFWAY POINT; I.E., THE EXPERTS, THE PEOPLE AT THE EC'S VARIOUS DESKS, COULD WORK UP MEASURES IN DRAFT FORM UNDER SUPERVISION OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS. THEN THERE WOULD BE A PAUSE TO HEAR WHAT WASHINGTON HAD TO SAY ON THE MATTER AT HAND. FINALLY, THE EC MINISTERS WOULD WORK OUT THE FINAL DECISION. IF THE PROCEDURE IS ADOPTED, IT WILL, IT IS TRUE, BE COMPLICATED; BUT IT HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF TAKING HEED OF THE VIEWS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC."

2. DIE WELT TERMED SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS IN BONN "A GOOD STEP FORWARD" TOWARD SATISFACTORY U.S./EC CONSULTATIONS, BUT NOTED FRG CONCERN "THAT BOTH SIDES DO NOT CONSIDER SUCH A CONSULTATIVE PROCESS A ONE-WAY STREET." THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE NOTED SERIOUS FRENCH SKEPTICISM OVER NEW CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND WONDERED WHETHER U.S. WILL OFFER EC COUNTRIES A SIMILAR CONSULTATION PROCEDURE.

3. STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG REPORTS (FROM BRUSSELS AND PARIS) THAT THE GERMAN PROPOSAL IS AIMED AT AVOIDING MISHAPS SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH OCCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EC DECISION TO SEEK A DIALOGUE WITH ARAB COUNTRIES. THE STUTTGARTER SAYS: "NEITHER AMERICAN NOR EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN IN A POSITION TO EXPLAIN WHY KISSINGER RECOGNIZED THE IMPORT OF THE EC INITIATIVE VIS-A-VIS THE ARABS ONLY DURING HIS DISCUSSION WITH SCHEEL IN BRUSSELS MARCH 4, ALTHOUGH THE BONN GOVERNMENT HAD INFORMED THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BONN OF SUCH POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS AHEAD OF TIME. KISSINGER REPORTEDLY ADHERES TO THE VIEW THAT AN EC DIALOGUE WITH ARAB COUNTRIES MIGHT DISTURB HIS MIDEAST PEACE EFFORTS. AS THE NEW BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET APPROVED OF THAT EC DECISION AND AS LONDON INSISTS ON COORDINATING IT WITH WASHINGTON, THE EC INITIATIVE VIS-A-VIS THE ARABS HAS BEEN 'PUT ON ICE.'"

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4. THE STUTTGARTER ALSO REPORTS THAT A "PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR EUROPEAN-ARAB COOPERATION" COMPRISING 33 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FROM THE FRG, BELGIUM, DENMARK, ENGLAND, FRANCE, IRELAND AND ITALY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN PARIS TO PROMOTE COMPREHENSIVE AND LASTING COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPE AND ARAB COUNTRIES IN ECONOMIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS. THE GROUP IS HEADED BY GAULLIST REPRESENTATIVE RAYMOND OFFROY AND BY BRITISH LABOR REPRESENTATIVE CHRISTOPHER MAYHEW. ITS VICE-PRESIDENT IS BUNDESTAG DEPUTY WISCHNEWSKI (SPD).  
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5. BOTH SEBASTIAN HAFFNER IN THE WEEKLY MASS-CIRCULATION MAGAZINE STERN AND DIETER CYCON IN DIE WELT ARGUE STRONGLY IN THE WORDS OF HAFFNER'S TITLE, THAT "GERMANY NEEDS AMERICA" AND THAT FRANCO-GERMAN INTERESTS REGARDING THE U.S. ARE "DIAMETRICALLY OPPOSED." DER SPIEGEL DESCRIBES THE "PERILOUS CRACKS IN THE EUROPEAN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE" AND GOES ON TO BELITTLE FRENCH EMPHASIS ON "DIGNITY." SPIEGEL OBSERVES THAT "WHERE THERE IS NO SECURITY, THERE IS NO DIGNITY EITHER." THERE IS BROAD PRESS SUPPORT FOR THE VIEW THAT, IN CASE OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN GERMAN RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND THE U.S., THE FRG MUST OPT EMPHATICALLY FOR THE AMERICAN CONNECTION.  
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